Wooden shoes and Cotton t-shirts

Some fans really believe that Holland is the place for the 1990 worldcon. They had so much faith in us that they gave us money before we had anything save our name to give back.

Don't Panic ... Get Your Button!

That's now changed. Annemarie has already mentioned in an earlier article that we have goodies like buttons with our brave mouse sailing in front of our slogan 'Don't panic - Holland in 1990!' on a field of red, white and blue. Or little wooden shoes to hang beneath the button. Or even t-shirts, for which we do have to ask for money, pity.
We'll be giving out the buttons and wooden shoes to presupporting members of Holland in 1990 at the conventions where the Dutch committee members themselves can be present, either at parties or at booths set up near the registration desk. Be sure to look for us if you don't have your button or your wooden shoes yet.

We'll meet you at...

We know a fact that at least one committee member will be attending the following conventions: Confederation, in Atlanta, Georgia, USA, 28 August - September 1986; Perry Rhodan Weltcon, Saarbrücken, Germany, 6-7 September 1986; Boskone, in Boston, Massachusetts, USA, 13-15 February 1987; and of course Conspiracy '87, Brighton, England, 27 August - 1 September 1987. Currently on our 'possible' list is - Coloniacon, Cologne, Germany, 14-15 June 1986; Ballcon, Zagreb, Yugoslavia, 10-13 July 1986; Science Fiction Club Deutschland Jahrescon 1986, Saarbrücken, Germany, 25-27 July 1986. Still others can be added, and there are always the conventions covered by our agents, where you can convince a friend to take a supporting membership.

T-shirts coming up...

T-shirts are available in various sizes. They can be picked up at conventions where you can get your buttons and wooden shoes, or you can order them directly from us for $10.00 US, £6.00, or f25.00, return postage included. The t-shirts are 100% cotton, so no matter how hot it gets, you'll be comfortable declaring your support for Holland in 1990.

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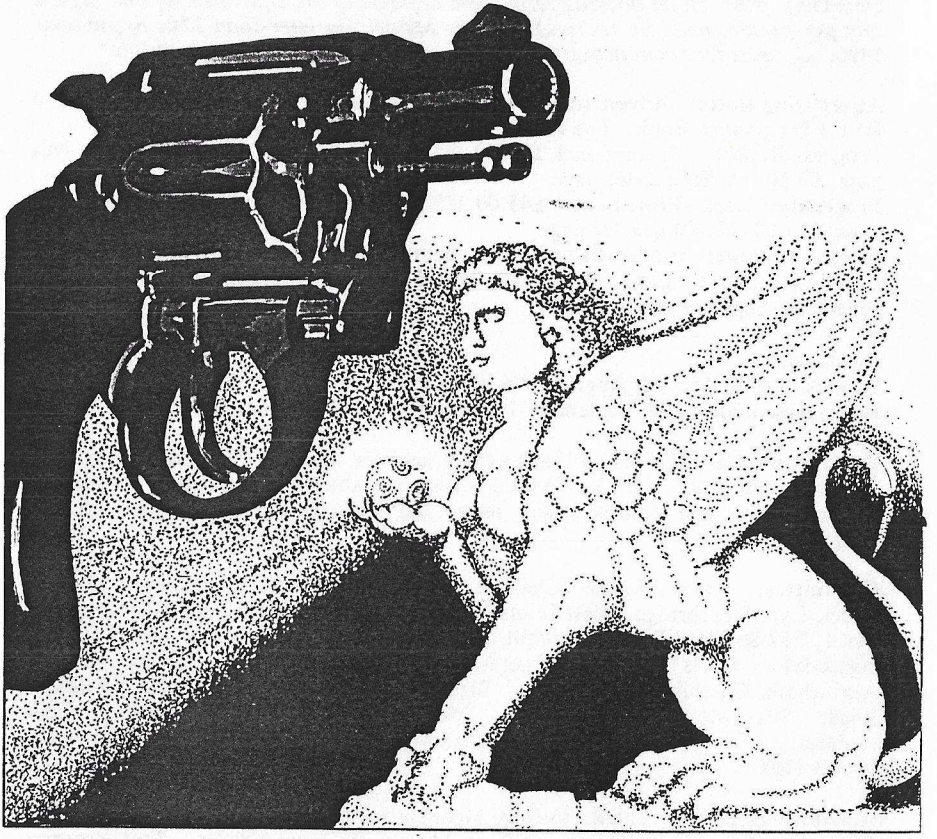

Novacon 26

Guest of Honour: David Gemmell.

The Hotel Ibis, Ladywell Walk, Birmingham, B5 4ST.

8th - 10th November 1996.

Membership & Enquiries: Attending membership costs £27.00 until 30 September, £30.00 thereafter and on the door. Supporting membership costs £10.50. Cheques should be made payable to "Novacon 26" and sent to Tony Morton at 14 Park Street, Lye, Stourbridge, West Midlands, DY9 8SS. General enquiries should be sent to Carol Morton at the same address or you can call her on 01384 825386 (before 9pm).

Room Rates: £21.00 per person per night for people sharing twin/double rooms and £39.00 per person per night for single rooms (inclusive of full English breakfast). *NB: Hotel booking forms, and deposits of the equivalent of one night's stay per person, must be received by Tony Morton no later than* **17th September 1996**. *Cheques for room deposits should be made payable to "The Hotel Ibis".*

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Bookroom Rates: Tables will cost £15.00 each for the whole weekend (each table is approximately 40" x 25"). To book a table (or tables) you must be a member of the convention and complete and return the booking form enclosed with this Progress Report.

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Chairman's Piece by Carol Morton

Everything seems to be going along quite well, at least that's what the rest of the committee tell me. There have been no major hiccups so far (touch wood). Please read Tony's piece for hotel/registration details, Sarah's piece for the programme and the rest for general info. If you have any pet ideas that you would like put into the convention, like programme items, then please contact the committee and we will do our best to see if they can be accommodated.

Now to the bit I have been putting off.

Some of you may have been surprised that PR2 had no mention of fandom's latest loss, that of Bob Shaw, a very dear friend to Novacon and a man I admired greatly. At the time of writing PR2 and going to print, our loss was too new and too raw to talk about.

Bob was such a friend to fandom that we - the committee, felt that some sort of acknowledgement of Bob's contribution to Novacon should be made. To that end we have decided to initiate a new award this year, a Novacon award, not to be confused with the Novas. This is an award that will be presented to an individual who has contributed something special to Novacon and is, in the eyes of the committee, worthy of acknowledgement. This award may not be presented every year, but when it is it will be given to someone who deserves it.

Bob will be the first recipient of this award and Nancy Shaw has agreed to accept it in his memory.

If you have any ideas as to someone who deserves acknowledgement of their efforts on Novacon's behalf then let the committee know and we will pass your ideas along to next year's committee.

Registrations by Tony Morton

I labour the point, perhaps, but KEEP THOSE HOTEL FORMS COMING IN! You'll know if you have yet to register - you will find be a Hotel Form with this Progress Report. Yes, that means if there is no form you HAVE already booked.

Those of you who have already sent in forms - well done. Unfortunately the Ibis does not routinely send out acknowledgements for the deposits, but if you request an acknowledgement they will send one out.

Bit of bad news; the hotel informs us they CAN'T do triples: Room size prohibits it. Sorry.

Numbers to date look like getting the hotel to release us some more rooms, when they can verify possible numbers. So keep the forms rollin'in.

The Programme by Sarah Freakley

Hello and welcome to PR3's fun packed report on the programme. It's hotting up over here, and deodorant is in very short supply, so I'll get on with it before the smell gets too bad....

I am hoping to set up most of the programme items with the title "What If..." tying in with our theme this year of "Alternate Time Lines".

Items currently in the pipe line are "What If Beer Was Never Invented?" - a truly horrific idea. The "Silly Game" slot is occupied by our own special version of the hit Vic and Bob show "Shooting Stars" or possibly "Shooting Fans". The Quiz, presented by Pam Wells, will be "Wipe Out" with suitably fannish categories. We will also be repeating the popular Dave Lally Programme Room, which will run as an alternative to the main programme.

Also in the provisional schedule are the Book Auction, Art Auction, A Fannish Forum presented by Mike D Siddall and featuring a Fan Fund Auction, and an acoustic set from Bad Influence, the opening and awards ceremonies, David Gemmell's guest of honour speech, and assorted panel discussions and talks based on the theme of Alternate Time Lines. All in all a good time is to be had by all.
As usual ideas, objections, fan mail, and anything else you care to think of, on a postcard to: Sarah Freakley, Flat 1, 717 Stratford Road, Sparkhill, Birmingham, B11 4DN (please note change of postcode).

See you there.

The Nova Awards by Tony Berry

New readers start here: Originally created in 1973 by the late Gillon Field, the Nova Awards are presented annually for work in fanzines. Until 1981 only one award was presented, to "Best Fanzine" and decided by a committee of well-known fans. In 1977 voting was extended to all "Active Fans" who were members of Novacon, and then in 1981 two further awards were added: "Best Fanwriter" and "Best Fanartist".

For a fanzine to qualify for the 1996 award, one or more issues must have been published between 1st October 1995 and 30th September 1996. For a writer or artist to qualify, they must have had at least one piece of work published for the first time between those dates. A "Fanzine" is defined as an

amateur publication which is concerned with sf, fantasy, sf and fantasy fans and related subjects, copies of which may be obtained in exchange for other fanzines or in response to letters of comment. An "Active Fan" is defined as someone who has received six or more different fanzines during the year (different publications, not different issues of the same publication. The various official organs of a group, society or convention do not count as different fanzines).

Voting is open to full or supporting members of Novacon 26 who meet the requirements above, and can be made by post (ballots will go out with the fourth progress report) and at the convention itself.

Old hands start here: Time to list a few fanzines which have passed my way since October last year. On the case as ever, eh?

ANORAK REDEMPTION #1: Nigel E Richardson, 35 Cricketers Way, Kirkstall Lane, Leeds, LS5 3RJ.
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All of the above are available for "the usual" which means in return for letter of comment, trade, article, or a large self-addressed, stamped envelope.

[If your fanzine is not listed above and you're sure it is eligible, send a copy to Mr Berry at the address below; if your eligible fanzine is not listed above and you're sure you did *send a copy to Mr Berry then (a) his cats have eaten it, (b) his postman has eaten it, or (c) most unlikely of all - he has lost/forgotten it; whichever contact him at the address below and your fanzine can be listed next time.*

[If you have any enquiries about the Novas or you want a copy of the Rules (50p to cover copying and postage), contact Tony Berry at 55 Seymour Road, Oldbury, West Midlands, B69 4EP.]

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